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Credentials of representatives of States Parties at the first session

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Dejan Šahović (Yugoslavia)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 3 September 2002, the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, in accordance with rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties appointed a Credentials Committee for its first session, consisting of the following States Parties: Benin, Fiji, France, Honduras, Ireland, Paraguay, Slovenia, Uganda and Yugoslavia.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 6 September 2002.

3. Mr. Dejan Šahović (Yugoslavia) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 4 September 2002 concerning the credentials of representatives of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to the first session of the Assembly of States Parties. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel, made a statement updating the information contained therein.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the first session of the Assembly of States Parties, in the form required by rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 42 States Parties: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

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6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States Parties to the first session of the Assembly of States Parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the permanent mission concerned, by the following 33 States Parties: Andorra, Argentina, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Italy, Latvia, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Namibia, Nauru, Niger, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Tajikistan and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto. only Dominica had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General any information regarding its representatives to the first session of the Assembly of States Parties.

8. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all States Parties mentioned in the Secretary-General's memorandum and the statement relating thereto, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States Parties referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

9. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the first session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statue of the International Criminal Court referred to in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the present report;
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the States Parties concerned."

10. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

11. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Assembly of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Assembly of States Parties.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Assembly of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the First Session of the Assembly of States Parties

"*The Assembly of States Parties*,

"*Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."